Subject : 1804 dollar

Werner, Louis
[56 Bennett Ave]

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Mr. Louis Werner,
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Dear Mr. Werner:

Clark asked me to drop you a line concerning the 1804 dollar. The dollar we have here that you let me have the other day is not the same piece as the one Grandberg had, but is from different obverse and reverse dies.

Although this piece is a rather good fabbication it is not up to many that I have seen, as the 4 is too far away from the rest of the date. I have seen some most excellent ones in times past that are said to have been made by a man named Kennedy and are generally known as Kennedy dollars. It is said he made about 25 of these by appliqueing little silver fours on pieces of other dates. I think he lived in Havermill, Mass.

Clark also wished me to tell you what I remembered of a conversation I had years ago with an old time Salem collector named John Robinson. As a boy or a young man he knew Matthew Stickney and looked over his coins a number of times. Mr. Robinson told me this: that Matthew Stickney never kept his 1804 dollar with his other dollars and he told him how he got it at the Mint in trade for an Immunis Columbia piece struck over an English guinea, and implied that the 1804 had been recently made. This transaction took place, as near as I can remember the conversation, between 1840 and 1842.

We have your piece here and Bill will hand it to you the next time he sees you.

Very truly yours,

Curator

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